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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUGUST 30,
1976:

Q. THERE WAS A REPORT -- I WISH I HAD BROUGHT IT WITH ME,
I HAD IT -- A REPORT TODAY ON HA'ARETZ THAT PHOTOGRAPHS
SUPPLIED TO ISRAEL UNDER THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH
EGYPT BY THE UNITED STATES DO NOT PROPERLY SHOW EGYPTIAN
VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. DO YOU HAVE ANY PREPARED
COMMENTS ON THAT?

A. I HAVE SEEN THE PRESS REPORT. AND I WOULD JUST CHARAC-
TERIZE THE ACCUSATION CONTAINED IN THAT REPORT AS AN
OUTRAGEOUS LIE. IT IS JUST TOTALLY UNTRUE THAT THE UNITED
STATES WOULD FAIL TO PROVIDE EITHER SIDE WITH THE RESULTS
OF THIS RECONNAISSANCE. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO BOTH
PARTIES INCORPORATED IN THE SINAI AGREEMENT TO CARRY OUT
THIS AIR RECONNAISSANCE, AND WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT
TO CARRY OUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY ACCURATELY AND IMPARTIALLY.
I JUST WANT TO CATEGORICALLY REJECT ANY ALLEGATION TO THE
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CONTRARY. THESE RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOS ARE HANDED OVER TO

BOTH SIDES, AS TAKEN.

Q. IN FACT, THE SAME PHOTOGRAPHS ARE GIVEN TO BOTH
SIDES?

A. I DO NOT KNOW THE DETAILS, BUT THAT IS MY ASSUMPTION.

Q. ALL RIGHT, WELL, THEN YOU HAVE DEALT, CERTAINLY, WITH THE REPORT IN HA'ARETZ, BUT HOW ABOUT THE LARGER QUESTION OF WHETHER EGYPT IS VIOLATING THE AGREEMENT IN A MINOR OR A MAJOR WAY? CAN YOU HELP US ON THAT?

A. I AM NOT AWARE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN ANY VIOLATIONS BY EITHER SIDE TO THE SINAI AGREEMENT.

Q. BOB, ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO, DIDN'T ISRAEL ASK THE UNITED STATES TO CONVEY TO EGYPT ITS RECORD OF EGYPTIAN RECONNAISSANCE HELICOPTER RUNS OVER THE DEMARCATION LINE?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. WHICH WERE THE CLEAR VIOLATIONS TO THE AGREEMENT?

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF THEM.

Q. CAN YOU TAKE THE QUESTION?

A. I WILL TAKE THE QUESTION.

Q. AND DID THE UNITED STATES BRING IT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EGYPTIANS?

AND IF SO, WHAT WAS THE RESPONSE?

A. I WILL TAKE YOUR QUESTION.

Q. BOB, CAN YOU TELL US IF THE THREE ISRAELI HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN CALLED INTO THE U.S. SINAI FIELD MISSION TO EVACUATE U.S. PERSONNEL FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT?
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A. I WILL HAVE TO TAKE THAT QUESTION.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENTAL PRESS OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TAKEN AT THE AUGUST 30 PRESS BRIEFING:

Q. DID THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF EGYPT, AS IT WAS REQUESTED TO DO BY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES RECORD OF EGYPTIAN HELICOPTER RUNS OVER THE DEMARCATION LINES WHICH WERE CLEAR VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENTS?

A. THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL REPORTS OF TECHNICAL VIOLA-

TIONS BY ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER AND THESE HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH AS NECESSARY THROUGH ESTABLISHED CHANNELS. WE ARE NOT GOING TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THESE OCCASSIONAL VIOLATIONS. SINCE LAST FEBRUARY, WHEN THE NEW DISPOSITIONS ON THE GROUND UNDER THE AGREEMENT WENT INTO EFFECT, BOTH GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED HAVE INDICATED TO US THEIR OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE WAY THE AGREEMENT IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

Q. HAVE ISRAELI HELICOPTERS EVACUATED U.S. PERSONNEL FROM THE U.S. SINAI FIELD MISSION?

A. YES, ON TWO OCCASIONS, THE LATEST OF WHICH WAS JULY 3, 1976, THE ISRAELIS, ACTING UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENTS, HAVE EVACUATED AT OUR REQUEST U.S. PERSONNEL WHO WERE DANGEROUSLY ILL.

ALSO, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENTAL PRESS OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION TAKEN AT THE AUGUST 27 PRESS BRIEFING:

Q. DID SECRETARY KISSINGER TELL THE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY THAT THE SAUDI ARABIA PROGRAM THAT IS ANTICIPATED (NOT JUST THE PART THAT MAY GO UP IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS) IS ABOUT \$5 BILLION?

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